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Term 4 is quickly coming to an end yet there are still so many things happening. Teachers are busily writing reports, preparing for Celebration of Learning as well as providing engaging and fun lessons in the classroom. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dynamic and dedicated staff at MKPS for their efforts this year. I have reflected upon the numerous outstanding events that have taken place as well as the day to day teaching that happens at our school and it truly amazes me how exceptional the staff and students are.

After recent School Leadership meetings MKPS has been identified for its "exceptional" programs and results from Kindergarten to Year 6. In 2015 we will be a lighthouse school where teachers from our wider Community of Schools will visit and spend time in our classrooms to further enhance their teaching and learning strategies, so they can return to their schools and build capacity within their colleagues. Again it is the work of our dedicated teachers and dynamic students that has afforded MKPS this honour.

2015 is shaping up to be another busy and exciting year and as previous years we are playing the numbers game. We will be starting the year with 7 classes as has been the case for 2014. It is my vision that this will be the case for the 2015 year.

Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 17th December, which will be the students last day. Teachers will return for professional development on the Thursday and Friday. In 2015 teachers return for a professional development day on Tuesday 27th January and students in Years 1-6 will return on Wednesday 28th January. I will send text messages to the community during the break to remind them of these dates.

To our Year 6 students entering high school, we wish you the very best as you embark on your next schooling journey. You have been amazing leaders in 2014 and we thank you for making MKPS that little bit brighter each day.

Thank you to all our families and community members for your support throughout 2014. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday and we look forward to another fun and exciting year in 2015.

Please let me now say a huge thank you to the fantastic community of Mount Kuring-gai. Without your support, we would not be the school we are today. On an interesting note, during the last 4 years, MKPS has seen upgrades of infrastructure and resources to a total just short of one million dollars. There is no way the school would be as well resourced without the support and steadfastness of you, the parents and school supporters. On behalf of the kids who are our core business, I say thank you very much.

Have a fun, family filled break and may the holiday spirit fill you with the joy everyone so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

Glenn and the MKPS staff.

## CANTEEN NEWS

What a busy and exciting year it has been in the canteen. The children have enjoyed many special fun food days and our most popular has been the Sushi Days. They will be again returning in 2015.

Please note that the last trading day for the canteen for 2014 will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014. This is due to the year 6 mini fete which will operate on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The canteen will not be open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December due to end of year cleaning.

**The canteen will reopen for business on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.**

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to such a wonderful year. There are too many volunteers to mention, but you know who you are. A heartfelt thanks from me to you for assisting with the smooth running of the canteen.

We were successful in opening the canteen on both Monday and Thursdays during 2014 and plan on continuing this into 2015. However, this is only possible with the trusty canteen Mums and Dads who volunteer their precious time.

Could all existing canteen volunteers and anyone else wishing to join the "Canteen Team" please let me know if you are available for the roster in 2015.

If I don't hear from you I will assume you are happy to continue. Please email or phone me on 0421 922 537 or 9457 0636 or [abbywest1@bigpond.com](mailto:abbywest1@bigpond.com).

## ***Canteen continued.....***

I would like to say a special farewell to Murdina MacKenzie, Andrea Martindale and Melissa Loustau who will be leaving the canteen and the school after many years of volunteering. Good luck with your new schools.

I would like to thank Mr Johnson and the Year 6 students who have assisted with lunchtime serving duties during the periods when the canteen was short staffed. They certainly proved themselves to be reliable, trustworthy and hardworking students.

## ***BAND NEWS***

The Mount Kuring-Gai Public School Concert Band has had yet another busy and dynamic year. During the last 12 months, the Band has benefited greatly under the musical direction of Miss Isabella Harvey (Band Director).

The MKPS Concert Band has played at many assemblies throughout the year. One of the highlights of the year was performing at the Asquith Boys High School Family Fun Day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013. This certainly displayed our wealth of talent to the wider community. The Band received a great deal of public recognition from the wider community following this performance.

Another highlight for the band was performing at the Ryde Eisteddfod at the Ryde Civic Centre. It was the first Eisteddfod our current band has taken part in and it was a wonderful experience for them.

At the end of this year, we will be losing six of our members to high school. Those off to high school are:

Rek Fleming (Band Captain)  
Lachlan Beckett  
Alex Loustau  
Luke van den Tillaart  
Lauren West  
Katrina Cheng

Thank-you for your wonderful dedication to the band and good luck in High School.

I am delighted to announce that the band has three new band members:

Ethan Worne (Saxophone),  
Sam Gow (Trumpet) and,  
Harry Neate (Trumpet).

Welcome to the band. We are looking forward to having lots of musical fun together.

Miss Harvey, in conjunction with our other music teachers, have planned an information afternoon for prospective new parents and students on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2.45pm to 3.30pm to assist with the Band recruitment program. This session would include the opportunity for students to try a variety of instruments.

The focus for the remainder of the year is rehearsing for the Band Recruitment (9/12/14), the last assembly for 2014, the Kindy Kickstart Graduation (10/12/14), Preschool Christmas Concert (15/12/14) and the finale to the year, our Celebration of Learning, which will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

A huge thank-you to all our wonderful Band members who have attended Band rehearsals and practiced week in and week out. Your dedication and passion for music and the school Band is magnificent. You certainly make the M.K.P.S Concert Band what it is, a fantastic school Band!

Also, thank-you to our wonderful band parents who have assisted throughout the year. Without this ongoing support the Band would be unable to continue.

Lastly, and certainly not least a big M.K.P.S thank-you to Mr O'Neill, Miss Weeks, Bella Harvey and, all the teaching staff for their support during the year.

## GYMNASTICS

In Term 4, the students of MKPS have been having an absolute blast with Sportspro gymnastics. Every Friday the students have been learning and practicing gymnastics skills such as, balance, strength and flexibility. The enthusiastic gymnastic teachers are always motivating the students to try their very best in all areas. These areas include:

- Balance beam
- Trampoline
- Floor work (forward rolls, cartwheels, donkey kicks, bunny kicks and hand stands)
- Hand stands onto a wall
- Vault

Before they start gymnastics they play fun warm up games such as:

- Survivor tag
- Tepees and Indians

To ensure the children are warmed up and don't injure themselves, the teachers do a nice, long stretch. Each week the students are extremely excited to go to gymnastics because of the funny people and the amazing atmosphere.

By Chloe and Lauren

## KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

I went to Wannabees and I saw the jail. I went in the Post Office. I hosed the fire and I got to go in the studio. My favourite part was when I went on the bus.

Cooper



On Thursday KW and KE went to Wannabee Play Centre. We learned about workers in the community. We got to play.

Sasha



On Thursday we went to Wannabees play centre. My favourite part was the TV.

Sean



On Thursday we went to Wannabees it was fun, it was Wannabees play centre Frenches Forest and we went there because we did work about workers in the community. KW and KE went there. I looked after the baby.

Lara



On Thursday we danced and we put out a fire. My favourite part was riding the motor bike.

Harry

## TALENT SHOW

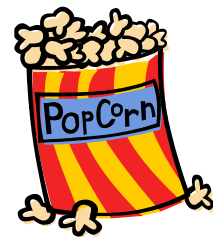
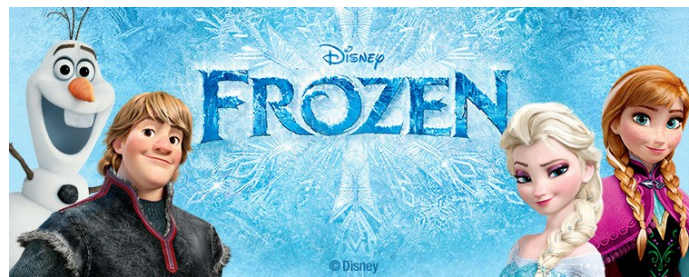


### TIME CHANGE:

The Talent Show will now be held at **10:30 - 11:30am** on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2014

Come along and join in all the fun at MKPS on **Wednesday 17th December**. Lets celebrate the end of the year with Live Music, Pizza, Jumping Castles, Fairy loss and a Movie. RSVP and payment due to the office by 12th December.

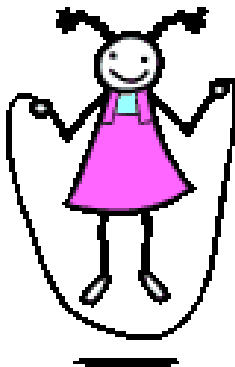


## JUMP OFF DAY

Yesterday MKPS was a sea of skipping ropes as we had our Jump Off Day in support of the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation. The teachers and students were entertained by an outstanding routine performed and choreographed by Year 6. The teachers were then beaten by the Year 5 girls in a skipping race before we watched the Jump Off competitions for K-2 and then 3-6. A sequence of stations were set up and students rotated around jumping and jumping until their little legs were exhausted.

Thank you to our community and parents for sponsoring our students and supporting us in exceeding our goal of \$1500.

A big thank you to Mrs Todd for her efficient organisation and "behind the scenes" work to produce such a fun and exciting morning. Thank you also to the wonderful parents who stayed and supported us in ensuring the morning was successful and a very big thank you to our talented students for giving 100%.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### **Wednesday 10th December**

- ◆ Kindy Kick Start– Presentation

### **Thursday 11th December**

- ◆ Year 6 Mini Fete

### **Friday 12th December**

- ◆ Gymnastics
- ◆ Year 6 Farewell

### **Monday 15th December**

- ◆ Talent Show

### **Tuesday 16th December**

- ◆ Celebration of Learning

### **Wednesday 17th December**

- ◆ School Reports given out
- ◆ Last Day for students
- ◆ Movie Night

### **Thursday 18th December**

- ◆ Staff Development Day

### **Friday 19th December**

- ◆ Staff Development Day

## Mini Fete

The fun activities that will be hosted by year 6 include:

Lex's Jelly Bean Contest

Super Cars

Baby Photo Contest

Spider Drinks

Popcorn

Hot Dogs

Biscuits Decorations

and Much Much More. We even have freebies like Super Soakers , anObstacle Course, Ball Through The Hoop etc

The Mini fete will be held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. It is organised and run by Year 6 students in order to raise funds for our gift to the school.

Each class will have an allocated time slot where they will be able to buy items and participate in many fun activities. The **stall prices range from 50c to \$2**.

All students must pre order token cards as no money will be accepted on the day.

# M.K.P.S. Band Afternoon



**Listen to the school band**

**Hear the different instruments**

**Try-out the trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet & alto saxophone**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2:45-3:30 IN THE HALL**

# Community Notice Board

## BUSH SCHOOL LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming lessons for children

4 years to 12 years (Year 6, 2014) taught by our qualified and experienced instructors at the Bush School pools on Saturdays, November – March

Season Cost: 30 min lesson

\$100 for 1 child,

\$155 for 2 children,

\$180 for 3 or more children (plus \$17.50 insurance per child)

Enrolments: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (or on later Saturdays from November) at the Bush School pools.

New enrolments should wear a swimsuit for grading.

Enquiries:

Frances Simpson-Lee 9489 1579

Carolyn Cross 9489 2415

Liz Wright - bushschoolts@gmail.com

Website: www.bushschoolts.org

### 1<sup>st</sup> Mt Colah Mt Kuring-Gai Scout Group



Support your local Scout Group at our annual fundraiser and treat your family to a fresh cut Xmas Tree this year



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Hunt Reserve  
Pacific Hwy, Mt Colah  
8.30am - 4.00pm  
(or until sold out)

Trees from \$50

Enter the raffle to win your purchase price back!

www.mcmkscoutgroup.com



## RECREATIONAL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS



Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics

1 Ashley Lane Hornsby NSW 2077

Phone: 9476 6689

Email: [hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au](mailto:hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au)

Website: [www.hornsbyrsl.gymnastics.org.au](http://www.hornsbyrsl.gymnastics.org.au)

**JANUARY 2015**

Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the January school holidays for all children aged 5 – 12 years (no experience necessary). The days are fun filled, fast moving and exciting and include use of all the gymnastics apparatus. Children have the opportunity to learn new gymnastics skills, participate in games, circuits, group activities, mini competitions and much, much more!! Classes are run by fully accredited Gymnastics Coaches, holding Senior First Aid Certificates. Bookings are essential. Class numbers are limited, so hurry and get your friends together so you don't miss out!

#### PROGRAM DETAILS:

Time: 9am – 3pm each day  
Cost: Members Price\* = \$38 per day  
Non Members Price\* = \$43 per day  
What to bring: Morning tea, lunch and a drink. No nuts permitted.  
What to wear: Suitable gymnastics clothing. No skirts, dresses, jeans or jewellery.  
Cancellations: Please note that refunds or credits are not permitted.

\*\* A member is a person who was registered for term time gymnastics classes in 2014

#### PROGRAM DATES:

January 2015

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup>
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup>
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT:

Bookings are essential and must be accompanied with full payment. Please refer to the attached fees policy for more detail.

1. Drop your booking form and payment into the blue fees box at the gym. This box can be found outside the office.
2. Mail – please post your forms and payment to: Hornsby RSL YC Gymnastics, 1 Ashley Lane Hornsby NSW 2077
3. Email – please email the gym at [hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au](mailto:hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au) and provide a copy of your internet transfer.

#### PAYMENT METHODS:

1. Internet transfer (preferred method) – please attach a copy of your transfer with your booking slip  
BSB No: 062 181 Account No: 0090 4912 Account Name: Hornsby RSL YC Gymnastics
2. Cheque – please make cheques payable to Hornsby RSL YC Gymnastics
3. EFT – Over the phone or in our office

#### Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics RECREATIONAL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS - BOOKING SLIP

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

Medical conditions and/or medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the days in **JANUARY 2015** which you would like to book into:

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>   Fri 9<sup>th</sup>   Mon 12<sup>th</sup>   Wed 14<sup>th</sup>   Friday 16<sup>th</sup>   Monday 19<sup>th</sup>   Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>   Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Amount payable: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment method (please circle): Internet transfer / cheque

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian)

**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**  
Saturday 6 December | 5pm-9:30pm | Rofe Park  
[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/christmas](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/christmas)

Logos for Hornsby RSL Club, Community Church Hornsby, and Hornsby Shire Council.

**FREE SHUTTLE BUSES** will leave Hornsby Station and Rofe Park every 15min between 4.30pm and 10pm